

**OPINION 2163 (Case 3329)*****Mycetoporus forticornis* Fauvel, 1875 (Insecta, Coleoptera): specific name given precedence over *Mycetoporus aequalis* Thomson, 1868**

**Abstract.** The specific name *Mycetoporus forticornis* Fauvel, 1875 is conserved for a widespread Palaearctic species of rove beetle (STAPHYLINIDAE). The name was threatened by the recently discovered senior synonym *Mycetoporus aequalis* Thomson, 1868, which was in current use for another species of the same genus. A change in the application of the name from one widespread species to another would have caused considerable confusion, and the name *Mycetoporus forticornis* is given precedence over *Mycetoporus aequalis*.

**Keywords.** Nomenclature; taxonomy; Coleoptera; STAPHYLINIDAE; TACHYPORINAE; *Mycetoporus*; *Mycetoporus forticornis*; *Mycetoporus aequalis*; rove beetles; Palaearctic.

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**Ruling**

- (1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that the name *forticornis* Fauvel, 1875, as published in the binomen *Mycetoporus forticornis*, is given precedence over the name *aequalis* Thomson, 1868, as published in the binomen *Mycetoporus aequalis*, whenever the two are considered to be synonyms.
- (2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
  - (a) *forticornis* Fauvel, 1875, as published in the binomen *Mycetoporus forticornis*, with the endorsement that it is to be given precedence over the name *aequalis* Thomson, 1868, as published in the binomen *Mycetoporus aequalis*, whenever the two are considered to be synonyms;
  - (b) *aequalis* Thomson, 1868, as published in the binomen *Mycetoporus aequalis*, with the endorsement that it is not to be given priority over the name *forticornis* Fauvel, 1875, as published in the binomen *Mycetoporus forticornis*, whenever the two are considered to be synonyms.

**History of Case 3329**

An application to conserve the specific name *Mycetoporus forticornis* Fauvel, 1875 for a widespread Palaearctic species of rove beetle (STAPHYLINIDAE) by giving it precedence over *Mycetoporus aequalis* Thomson, 1868 was received from Michael Schülke (*Rue Ambroise Paré 11, D-13405 Berlin, Germany*) on 18 August 2004. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 62: 140–141 (September 2005). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

**Decision of the Commission**

On 1 June 2006 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 62: 141. At the close of the voting period on 1 September 2006 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 14: Alonso-Zarazaga, Bock, Brothers, Halliday, Macpherson, Mahnert, Mawatari, Minelli, Ng, Papp, Patterson, Rosenberg, Song and van Tol.

Negative votes – 3: Kerzhner, Lamas and Štys.

No vote was received from Bouchet.

### Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*aequalis*, *Mycetoporus*, Thomson, 1868, *Skandinaviens Coleoptera, synoptisk bearbetade*, Tom. X, p. 323.

*forticornis*, *Mycetoporus*, Fauvel, 1875, *Faune Gallo-Rhénane ou species des insectes qui habitent la France, la Belgique . . .*, p. 572.